


Applicants are claiming the priority of U.S. Serial No. 07/783,558, filed October 28, 1991, under 36 U.S.C. § 120. The filing date of the present application should receive the filing date of the originally-filed application of October 28, 1991, which is several years before the filing dates of the Israel and Pinchasek patents. Thus, neither the Israel nor the Pinchasek patents are prior art. Further, it is believed that an affidavit under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 is necessary to swear behind the cited references, since a comparison of the respective filing dates alone is enough to show that the present invention pre-dates the Israel and Pinchasek patents.

It is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered and passed to issue at the earliest convenience.

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